



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

February 15, 2013

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager
Department of Economic Development

SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at the Up County Regional Services Center 12900 Middlebrook Road Germantown in Room B at 7:00 p.m.**

The Draft agenda is on the next page.

The other attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agricultural Services web site. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on February 19, 2013.

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda –February 19, 2013

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of the AAC Minutes from January 15, 2013. (See Attachment A.)
3. Follow up Discussion regarding Orientation of new AAC members and 2012 Annual Report that is posted on the Ag Services web site.
http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/ded/agservices/pdf/files/aac_annual_reports/aacannualreport2012.pdf
4. Update on the MNCPPC-Planning Board Work Sessions on Remaining Issues-The Planning Board will transmit the final report the County Council-The PHED is scheduled to discuss the Rewrite on March 22, 2013.
5. Related Tree Bill-Follow up from the January 28, 2013 T & E Committee Work session and the Meeting with Council member Roger Berliner on February 6, 2013-(See Attachments B.)

Bill 41-12 Streets and Roads-Roadside Trees –Exemptions for Prescriptive ROW
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&event_id=841&meta_id=44053

Bill 35-12 Trees-Tree Canopy Conservation-Exemptions for Ag uses and activities
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=4131&meta_id=43563

Expedited Bill 1-13 Erosion and Sediment Control- Amendments- Definition of Agricultural Management Practice and treatment of logging and Timber harvests.
http://montgomerycountymd.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=4470&meta_id=45048
6. Update on new Appointments to the AAC.
7. Discussion on the Montgomery County 2011 Bridge Inventory-Request Annual Waiver for weight restricted bridge-Public meeting- February 26, 2013 @ 7:00 Poolesville Elementary School-Whites Ferry Road bridges construction scheduled during the summer of 2014- (See Attachments C.)
8. Information on Solar for agribusiness-(See Attachment D.)
9. A total of 30 Applicants for the New Farmer Pilot Project are participating in the training courses led by UME-Chuck Schuster and the third was last Tuesday. These training courses have been well received by those in attendance. Two of the applicants are working closely to secure leases with property owners to start production this spring.

10. The AAC is scheduled to meet on March 19, 2013 @ 7:00pm in Germantown

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Agricultural Advisory Committee February 19, 2013@7:00 pm

Public Meeting-Whites Ferry Road Bridges February 26@7:00pm Poolesville Elem.

Winter Agronomy Meeting February 27, 2013@9:00am Urbana Fire Hall

Public Safety Committee-Deer Management-February 28, 2013@9:00am

Montgomery Weed Control Annual Meeting-March 14, 2013@9:30am

Montgomery County Farmers Market meeting-March 18, 2013@9:30am

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